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Dr. Ralph Kofler  
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Subject: Approval of Durability Grouping Request for Mercedes-Benz's Model Year 2011 BlueTEC models

Dear Mr. Kofler:

We received your letter dated May 6, 2010 requesting approval to group the E350 BlueTEC with the ML/R/GL 350 BlueTEC 4MATIC models despite the presence of an additional **CBI / Ex. 4** in the diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) for the E350 BlueTEC.

We have reviewed the attached materials and agree with your conclusions and the data you presented. Therefore, we deem that your proposed grouping of BlueTEC models is compliant with 40 CFR §86.1823-08(e) and are approving your durability grouping of the BlueTEC models for the 2011 model year.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this approval, please contact Mr. Arvon L. Mitcham at (734) 214-4522 or Ms. Lynn Sohacki at (734) 214-4851, thank you.

Sincerely,



Linc Wehrly, Group Manager  
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cc: Arvon L. Mitcham  
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